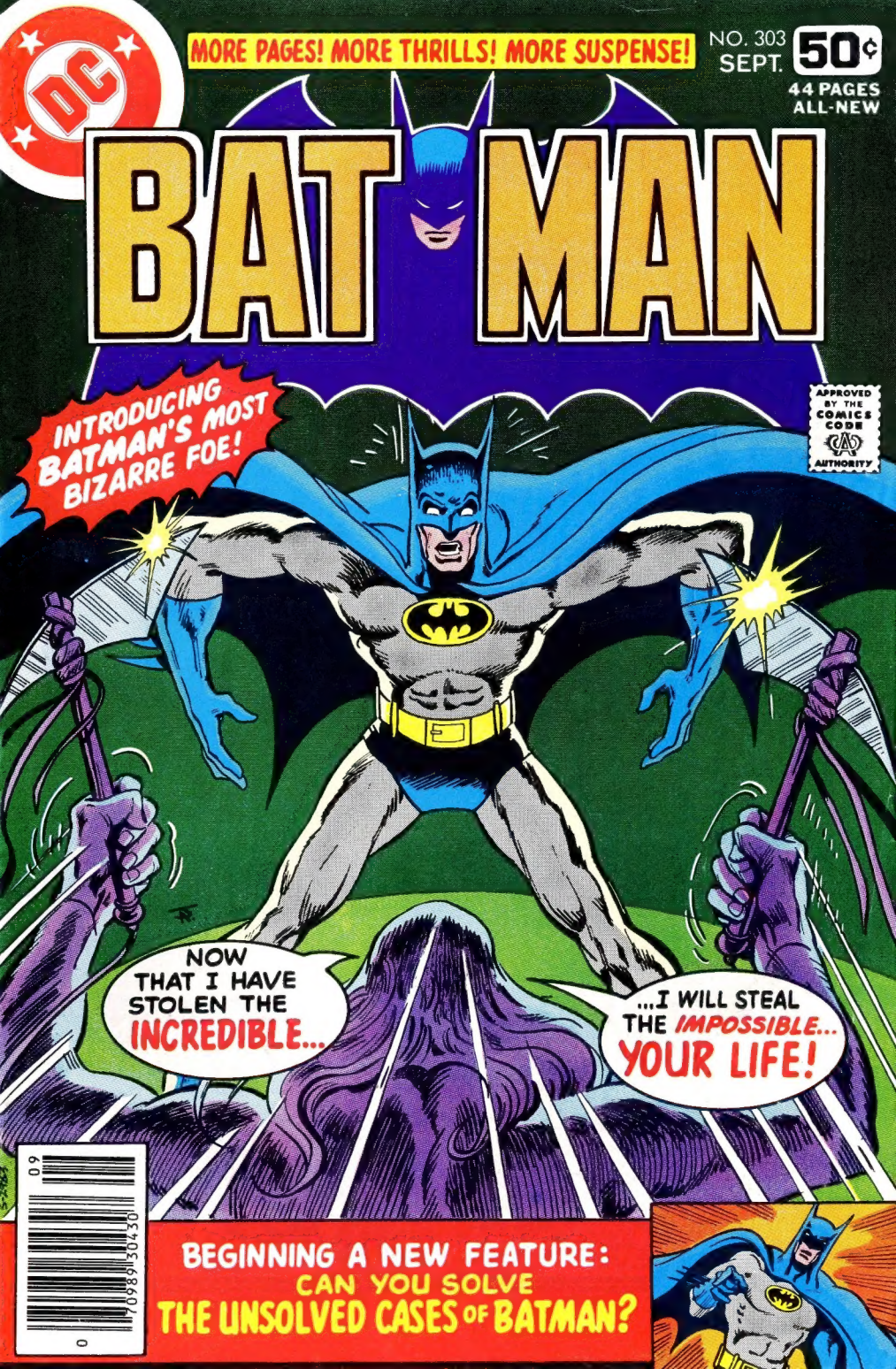
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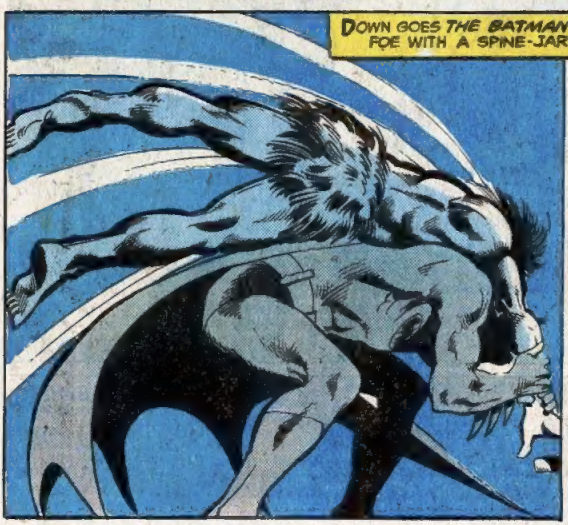
IN THE DESERTED HALLS OF GOTHAM CITY'S MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY...
HOMO SAPIENS NEANDERTHALENSIS
SO THAT'S WHERE MY QUARRY WAS! HIDDEN AMONG THE FIGURES IN THAT CAVEMAN EXHIBIT!
WOK
PAYOFF TIME FOR THE BATMAN--THE VIOLENT INSTANT THAT CAPS WEEKS OF PATIENT VIGIL AND PLANNING!

WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH HIM--HE'LL BE AN EXHIBIT ALL BY HIMSELF!

...AND IN HIS OWN PRIVATE CAVE--WITH BARS ON IT!


DOWN GOES THE BATMAN'S MANIACAL FOE WITH A SPINE-JARRING...

WHUMP
THUNK
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WHEREUPON A STONE ADZE SHAKES LOOSE...

REFLEXIVELY, THE BATMAN WHIRLS AT THE SOUND--
ANOTHER ONE--?
AND IN THAT OFF-GUARD SPLIT-SECOND--
KRAK
UNNNG
INDETERMINABLE SECONDS PASS...
IT'S THE BATMAN!
WE HEARD SOUNDS OF FIGHTING! WHAT HAPPENED?
I...I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER...
THEN--AS THE SECURITY GUARDS CONVERGE ON THE SCENE...
NO TRACE OF ANYONE IN THE OTHER HALLS!
NOBODY HERE EITHER!
BATMAN, WAS IT THE DODO MAN?
I'M...NOT... SURE...
WE'LL KEEP SEARCHING, BATMAN--AND WE'LL POST AN EXTRA DETAIL IN THIS WING FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT!
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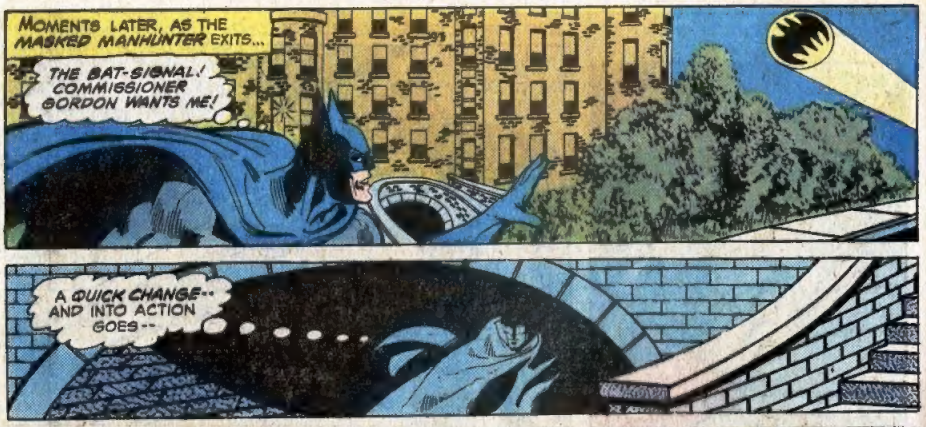
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE MASKED MANHUNTER EXITS...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS ME!
A QUICK CHANGE-- AND INTO ACTION GOES--

--SHORTLY AFTERWARD-- A FAMILIAR ENTRANCE BY AN UNFAMILIAR FIGURE!...
WHAT'S GOING DOWN, COMMISSIONER?
BRUCE WAYNE!
THEN YOU ARE THE BATMAN!

FOR ONCE, SIR, LET'S NOT PLAY THAT WHO-THE-BATMAN-REALLY-IS GAME.
JUST TELL ME WHY YOU SENT FOR ME AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY!
IT'S THE BATMAN, NO QUESTION--BUT HE'S DISGUISED AS BRUCE WAYNE FOR SOME REASON!... NOT THE FIRST TIME HE'S DONE IT!

WE JUST GOT A TIP BIG MAX WEDGE SURFACED AN HOUR AGO --IN DISGUISE--IN A NEW GAMBLING JOINT AT 12 CHARLTON PLACE!
I GET FIRST CRACK AT HIM, COMMISSIONER--!
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I HAVEN'T A THING GOING AT THE MOMENT--HAVEN'T SEEN ACTION IN DAYS--AND THIS IS VERY WELCOME!
I'LL BE A BABOON'S GRANDUNCLE IF I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT REMARK!
AND BRUCE WAYNE TAKES OFF!...
BATMAN MASQUERADING AS BRUCE WAYNE?! IF THAT DOESN'T TAKE THE CAKE--!
SOON, AT 12 CHARLTON PLACE...
A DOUBLE-DEADBOLT LOCK! THESE GAMBLERS SURE PAY PROPER ATTENTION TO SECURITY!
AND--IN A FEW MOMENTS--WITH EVEN LESS TROUBLE...
SOME OF THE SO-CALLED "BEST" PEOPLE IN TOWN HERE...
...ALL SO INTENT ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING, NOBODY SEEMS TO NOTICE ME AT ALL!
AND THERE'S BIG MAX AT THE ROULETTE WHEEL--IN A TUX, BEARD, AND BRAND NEW RUG!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLACE YOUR BETS!
THE WHOLE STACK ON THE RED NINE!
PLAY THE DOUBLE ZERO, MAX--BECAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU'RE COMING UP!
WHO IN BLAZES ARE YOU?
YOUR NEMESIS, MAX--DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
MAYBE THIS WILL JAR YOUR MEMORY!
THOK
LAY OFF, YOU LUNATIC--OR I'LL BLOW YOUR BRAINS OUT!
MAYBE--
--BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT--
--WITHOUT THE GUN!
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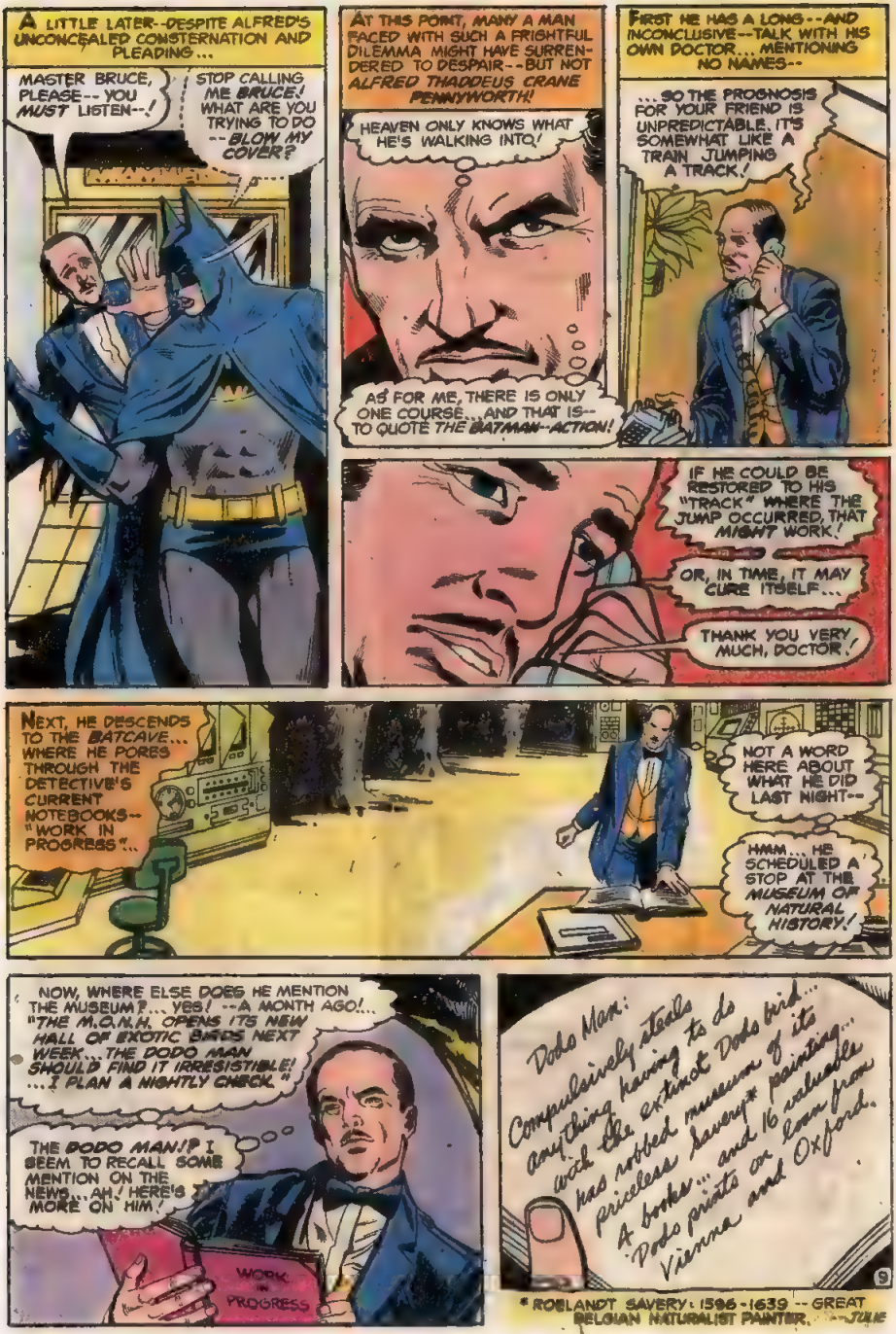
THE MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY? I HAD NO IDEA HE COULD BE SO VIOLENT!
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE CLASHED--
--BUT IT'S GOING TO BE THE LAST!
ZOPP
CRACK
IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?
HERE--!
TAKE CARE OF HIM! THE POLICE WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT!
SAY--AREN'T YOU BRUCE WAYNE?
I COULDN'T SAY!

IT IS ALMOST DAWN AS BRUCE WAYNE FINALLY COMES HOME TO THE PENTHOUSE THAT IS HIS PUBLIC RESIDENCE IN HIS ROLE OF BUSINESS TYCOON AND MAN-ABOUT TOWN--AND THE ULTRA-SECRET RETREAT OF HIS ALTER EGO, THE BATMAN...
MASTER BRUCE--YOUR CLOTHES ARE IN TATTERS!
AND YOU'RE IN MUFTI! I... I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT WORKING LAST NIGHT!
OF COURSE I WAS WORKING! HOW DO YOU THINK I GOT TO LOOK LIKE THIS?
BUT, SIR, ARE YOU SAYING YOU WERE WORKING IN YOUR REAL IDENTITY AS BRUCE WAYNE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN--"REAL IDENTITY"?
IS THE BATMAN LESS REAL THAN BRUCE WAYNE? AREN'T THEY BOTH ABSOLUTELY REAL?
OF COURSE, SIR--BUT ONE IS THE COVER FOR THE OTHER--!
EXACTLY! SO WHAT ARE YOU QUIBBLING ABOUT?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO EVERYONE TONIGHT? HAVE I GROWN AN EXTRA NOSE OR SOMETHING?
NO, MASTER BRUCE, YOU DON'T LOOK DIFFERENT--BUT WHAT YOU'VE SAID IS MOST DISCONCERTING!
THINK I'LL HIT THE SACK...
THE MORNING PASSES IN ITS ACCUSTOMED WAY, FROM FIVE TO SEVEN, THE CRIMEFIGHTER TAKES HIS A.M. NAP... FOLLOWED BY A LONG WORKOUT IN HIS GYM... AFTER WHICH HIS DAY IS READY TO PROCEED --
--COMMENCING WITH BREAKFAST AT NINE--AS HE MAKES A STARTLING APPEARANCE...
MORNING, ALFRED! BEAUTIFUL DAY, ISN'T IT?
Y-YES, SIR.
GOOD HEAVENS--THERE'S NO DOUBTING IT NOW! THE MASTER'S GOT THINGS COMPLETELY TURNED AROUND!
HE THINKS THE BATMAN IS THE COVER IDENTITY FOR BRUCE WAYNE!
IN FACT, IT'S SO PLEASANT OUT, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE OFFICE... I THINK I'LL TAKE A NICE, LONG WALK!
OH, NO! IS HE ACTUALLY GOING OUT--IN BROAD DAYLIGHT--DRESSED LIKE THAT?!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MASTER BRUCE, PLEASE--YOU MUST LISTEN--!
STOP CALLING ME BRUCE! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO--BLOW MY COVER?
AT THIS POINT, MANY A MAN FACED WITH SUCH A FRIGHTFUL DILEMMA MIGHT HAVE SURRENDERED TO DESPAIR--BUT NOT ALFRED THADDEUS CRANE PENNYWORTH!
HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS WHAT HE'S WALKING INTO!
AS FOR ME, THERE IS ONLY ONE COURSE...AND THAT IS--TO QUOTE THE BATMAN--ACTION!
FIRST HE HAS A LONG--AND INCONCLUSIVE--TALK WITH HIS OWN DOCTOR... MENTIONING NO NAMES--
...SO THE PROGNOSIS FOR YOUR FRIEND IS UNPREDICTABLE. IT'S SOMEWHAT LIKE A TRAIN JUMPING A TRACK!
IF HE COULD BE RESTORED TO HIS "TRACK" WHERE THE JUMP OCCURRED, THAT MIGHT WORK!
OR, IN TIME, IT MAY CURE ITSELF...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR!
NEXT, HE DESCENDS TO THE BATCAVE... WHERE HE PORES THROUGH THE DETECTIVE'S CURRENT NOTEBOOKS--"WORK IN PROGRESS"...
NOT A WORD HERE ABOUT WHAT HE DID LAST NIGHT--
HMM... HE SCHEDULED A STOP AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY!
NOW, WHERE ELSE DOES HE MENTION THE MUSEUM?... YES! --A MONTH AGO!... "THE M.O.N.H. OPENS ITS NEW HALL OF EXOTIC BIRDS NEXT WEEK...THE DODO MAN SHOULD FIND IT IRRESISTIBLE! ...I PLAN A NIGHTLY CHECK."
THE DODO MAN!? I SEEM TO RECALL SOME MENTION ON THE NEWS...AH! HERE'S MORE ON HIM!
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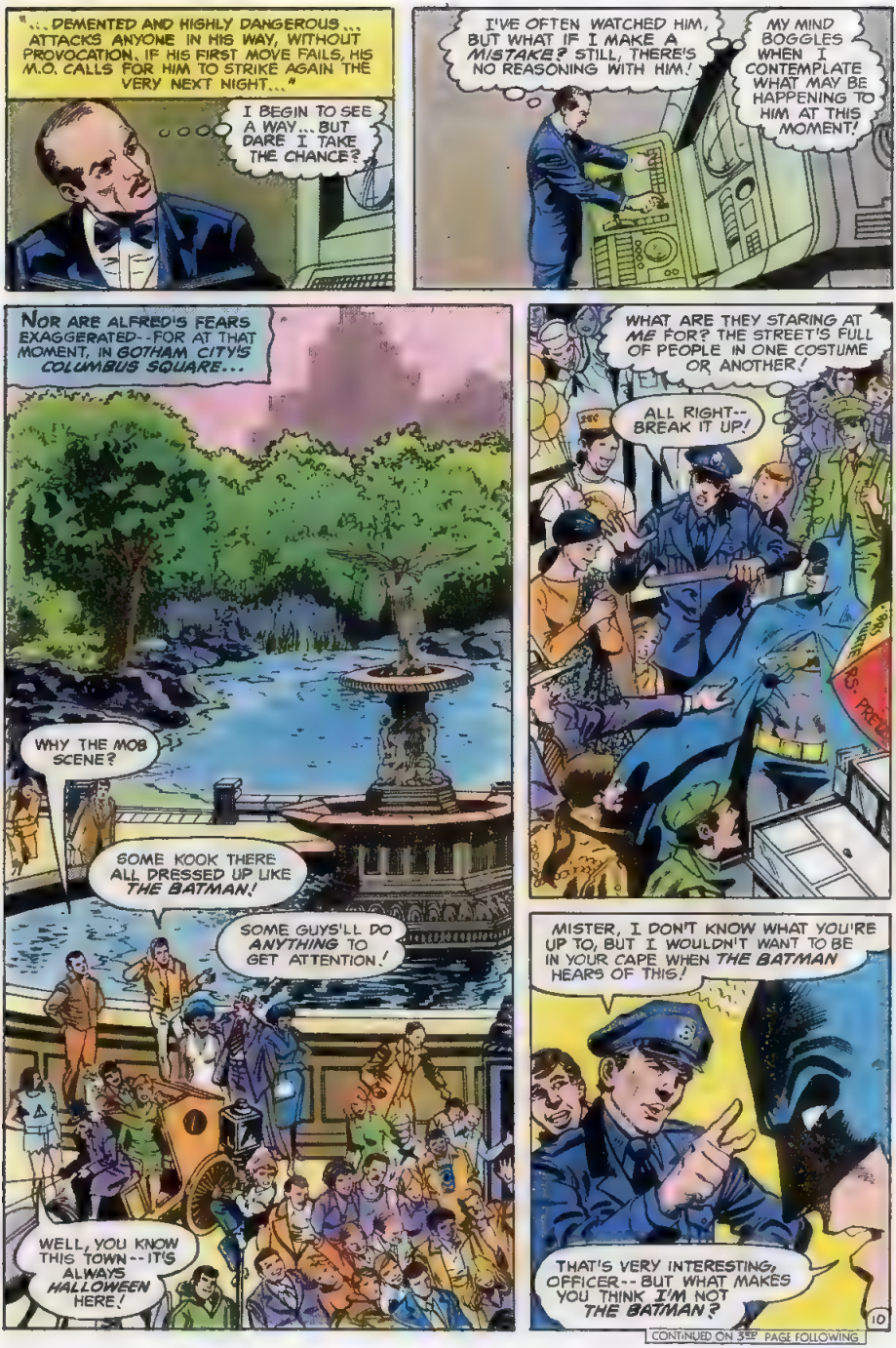
"... DEMENTED AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS... ATTACKS ANYONE IN HIS WAY, WITHOUT PROVOCATION. IF HIS FIRST MOVE FAILS, HIS M.O. CALLS FOR HIM TO STRIKE AGAIN THE VERY NEXT NIGHT..."
I BEGIN TO SEE A WAY... BUT DARE I TAKE THE CHANCE?
I'VE OFTEN WATCHED HIM, BUT WHAT IF I MAKE A *MISTAKE?* STILL, THERE'S NO REASONING WITH HIM!
MY MIND BOGGLES WHEN I CONTEMPLATE WHAT MAY BE HAPPENING TO HIM AT THIS MOMENT!
NOR ARE ALFRED'S FEARS EXAGGERATED--FOR AT THAT MOMENT, IN *GOTHAM CITY'S COLUMBUS SQUARE...*
WHY THE MOB SCENE?
SOME KOOK THERE ALL DRESSED UP LIKE *THE BATMAN!*
SOME GUYS'LL DO *ANYTHING* TO GET ATTENTION.!
WELL, YOU KNOW THIS TOWN--IT'S ALWAYS *HALLOWEEN* HERE!
WHAT ARE THEY STARING AT *ME* FOR? THE STREET'S FULL OF PEOPLE IN ONE COSTUME OR ANOTHER!
ALL RIGHT--BREAK IT UP!
MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE IN YOUR CAPE WHEN *THE BATMAN* HEARS OF THIS!
THAT'S VERY INTERESTING, OFFICER--BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK *I'M* NOT *THE BATMAN?*

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Of course, we didn't have to do this. We *could* have tacked on another 5¢ for those 17 page stories. Before long, other publishers will be charging 40¢ for their 17-page stories, unless they follow our lead and provide more pages. You'll be paying 2.35¢ per page of story for *theirs*, and only 2¢ for *ours*. That's like getting about three pages free from DC.

I don't have to bore you with the ever-raising cost of absolutely everything. Each time anybody adds another nickel to the cost of the standard comic book, somebody composes a little essay about how phone calls used to cost 5¢ and hot dogs a dime.

But we really didn't want to take from our loyal readers (and even our casual readers, for that matter) without giving at least as much in return.

We're excited because we believe the 50¢ comic book, like the highly successful Dollar Comics package we introduced eighteen months ago, will be a more attractive product for the retailer as well as for the reader. Being in a more profitable format for the retailer, our comics should be a little easier to find. Some places that do not carry comics will be handling DC titles before long. Most harder-to-find comics will get better distribution.

Better still, the twenty-five pages of story format gives us something we haven't had for the better part of a decade: the chance to do really full-length stories, with fully-developed sub-plots and characterization. We also have the chance to bring back some of your favorite characters that haven't been able to carry an entire 17 page title: Enemy Ace, The Human Target, The Atom and Omac, for example. And we're able to introduce a number of new characters of a more experimental nature: Cinnamon, The Odd Man, The Amazons.

The new format also gives us a bit of room to experiment. You'll see the return of Swamp Thing, original characters like The Vixen, new western and war titles—we'll even be able to schedule a couple of titles which will represent some of the best DC comics printed in the past four decades: Archie Goodwin and Walt Simonson's Manhunter stories, the famous Bat Lash books, and so on.

And we'll also be making the Dollar Comics look even more attractive, because starting this month, we're taking out all the ads. You'll be getting an additional page or two of story, but now we'll have the freedom to run more two-page spreads and wrap around covers. The Dollar Comics—including our latest addition, Adventure Comics—will now have 68-pages of all-new story and art from cover to cover. Not a page of [redacted].

We've been calling all of this "The DC Explosion" and that's what it truly is—an explosion of new ideas, new concepts, new characters, and new formats. We now have near-limitless opportunities to experiment, to do longer and indeed better stories, to be more flexible in the type of material we're presenting. The best is getting better.

We couldn't do it without the encouragement and boundless energy of our creative staff—from new talents like Marshall Rogers and Joe Staton to established pros like Gerry Conway and Len Wein to (if they'll forgive me) vets like Curt Swan and new-editor Ross Andru. To each and every creator working with us, my deepest and sincerest thanks.

And to our faithful readers, who have shown us so much support and enthusiasm since we've started planting the seeds of change, I offer my thanks as well. We honestly could not have done it without your help.

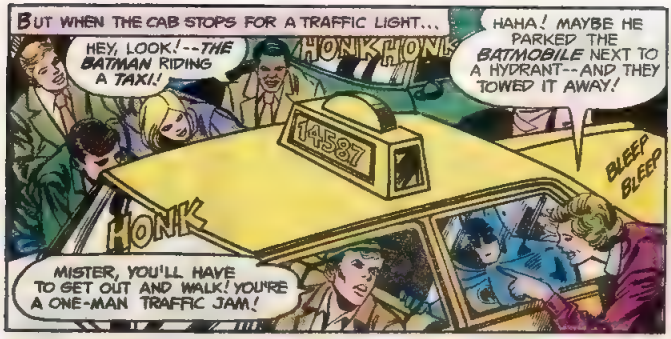
But—and I know you're expecting this—we're not stopping here. Even as I write these words, I have working proposals on my desk for no less than ten new projects, not all of which are new titles. We're continuing to grow and branch out, to boldly go where no comics company has gone before.

And we're glad you're there with us—every step of the way.

Take care—

Jenette

OH, SURE! AND I'M ALL THE REST OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!
G'WAN-- ON YOUR WAY, MOVE IT!
JUST AS YOU SAY, OFFICER!
SHIELD NUMBER 0572! BRUCE WAYNE WILL HAVE A TALK WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON TONIGHT ABOUT POLICE HARASSMENT!
BUT AS THE GOTHAM GANGBUSTER TRIES TO SHAKE THE CROWD BY GOING INTO THE PARK...
AFTER HIM! BATS IS TRYIN' TO RUN AWAY!
NOT FROM US HE WON'T!
WOW!-- LOOKIT HIM GO!
LIKE HE GOT SHOT OUT OF A CANNON!
AS FOR THE BATMAN-- HIS NEXT ENCOUNTER SEEMS MORE REASSURING...
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT I'D EVER NEED REFUGE AMONG HIPPIES?
HEY, BATMAN, BABY-- NEAT OUTFIT! REST YOUR FRAME AND MELLOW OUT!
DIG HIM! AIN'T THAT ENOUGH TO BORE A HOLE IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE BOX?
ON SECOND THOUGHT--
TAXI!
ONE OF THEM SUPER-HERO FAN CONVENTIONS IN TOWN, HUH? HOP IN!


BUT WHEN THE CAB STOPS FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT...
HEY, LOOK!--THE BATMAN RIDING A TAXI!
HONK HONK
HAHA! MAYBE HE PARKED THE BATMOBILE NEXT TO A HYDRANT--AND THEY TOWED IT AWAY!
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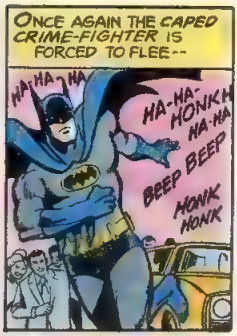
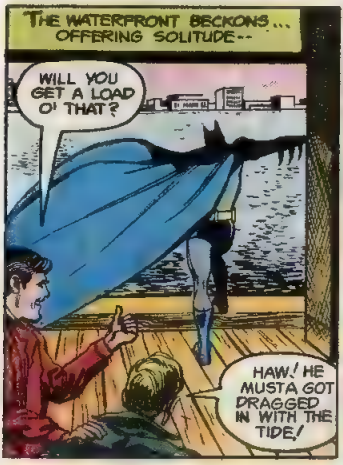
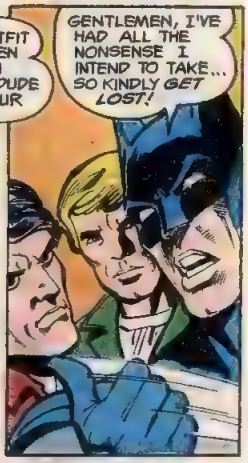
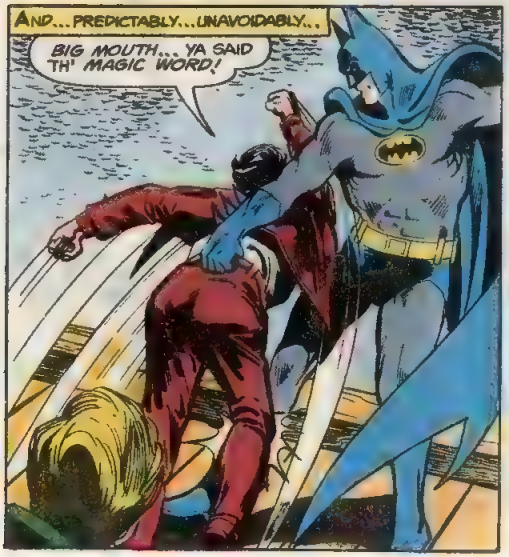
BLEEP BLEEP
HONK
MISTER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET OUT AND WALK! YOU'RE A ONE-MAN TRAFFIC JAM!

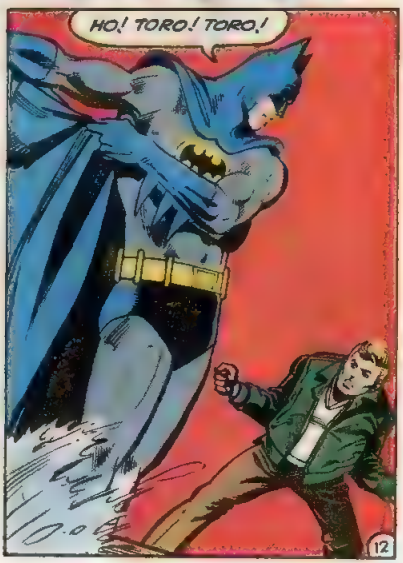

ONCE AGAIN THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER IS FORCED TO FLEE--
HA-HA-HA
HA-HA-HONK HA-HA
BEEP BEEP
HONK HONK


THE WATERFRONT BECKONS... OFFERING SOLITUDE--
WILL YOU GET A LOAD O' THAT?
HAW! HE MUSTA GOT DRAGGED IN WITH THE TIDE!

--BUT NOT FOR LONG...
WHAT'S THE IDEA, BUDDY? DON'T YOU KNOW THE BATMAN AIN'T EXACTLY POPULAR AROUND HERE?
THAT OUTFIT IS AN OPEN INVITATION FOR SOME DUDE TO BUST YOUR SKULL!


GENTLEMEN, I'VE HAD ALL THE NONSENSE I INTEND TO TAKE... SO KINDLY GET LOST!


AND... PREDICTABLY... UNAVOIDABLY...
BIG MOUTH... YA SAID TH' MAGIC WORD!


HO! TORO! TORO!

I HOPE NOBODY SEES THIS!
APPARENTLY I'M NOT GOING TO GET ANY PEACE TODAY--UNLESS I SPEND IT AMONG FRIENDS!
SPLOOSH
BUT WHEN HE SHOWS UP AT THE PARKSIDE TENNIS CLUB...WHERE BRUCE WAYNE HAS LONG BEEN A PROMINENT MEMBER--
BUT I HAVE EVERY RIGHT--
BATMAN, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND TURN YOURSELF IN! GO BACK TO THE FUNNY FARM!
NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY, "DID YOU EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS?"
BUT IT'LL BE OVER SOON... AND GETTING BACK TO PATROL WILL BE A GREAT RELIEF!
SO HOME HE GOES... AND RELAXES ... WITH HIS AFTERNOON NAP --
THANK GOODNESS HE'S BACK SAFELY! NOW I'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT... AND SEE... AND PRAY...
THEN, AFTER A LIGHT DINNER--
GREAT CHOPS, ALFRED! GOT MY WORKING CLOTHES READY?
AS USUAL, MASTER BRUCE!
OH, DEAR! I HOPE I CAN BRING IT OFF TONIGHT!
AND CONTINUING WITH HIS INVERTED LOGIC--SOON AFTER..
GOOD HUNTING, MASTER BRUCE!
AND GOOD LUCK FOR ME!
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SHORTLY AFTER BRUCE WAYNE BEGINS THE BATMAN'S ROUTINE PATROL...
I'M GETTING A SIGNAL ON MY DIRECTIONAL FINDER -- COMING FROM ONE OF MY OWN BUGS!
I'LL GET A BEARING ON IT AND--
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
-- IN NO TIME...
IT'S COMING FROM INSIDE THE MUSEUM! IF IT'S WHAT I THINK IT IS--
PARKING G.C.P.D.
INSIDE, ALL IS STILL...
EVERYTHING IN ORDER, CHIEF!
LET'S HOPE IT STAYS THAT WAY! NOW CHECK OUT THE MEZZANINE AND REPORT BACK IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!
BUT AS THE GUARDS MOVE OUT -- SCARCELY FIFTY FEET AWAY, IN THE HALL OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN...
GROUP HABITAT CENTRAL PLAINS INDIAN BURIAL SITE
...THE HAUNTED AND MYSTERIOUS FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR UNTOLD GENERATIONS OF GREAT WARRIORS... SHROUDED AND MUMMIFIED...
SUDDENLY -- A "WARRIOR" MOVES --
THEN --
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If you're lucky enough to win the first prize, Clark will fly you and your family (limit of four people) to New York City and back.

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If you're one of the 20 second-prize winners, you'll get your choice of Famous Superhero watches. Superman, Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, Batman, or (if your taste should happen to run to supervillains instead) the Joker. The watches are Swiss-made, with full-color superhero pictures, and would normally sell for $19.95 to $23.95.

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NAME

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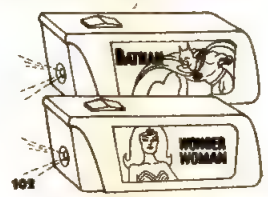

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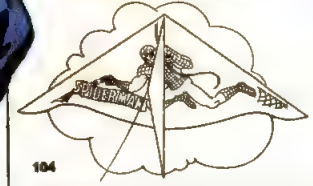

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SUPERKITE. Look! Up in the sky! It's Spider-Man, in full color on a lightweight vinyl kite.
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SUNGLASSES. Superman, Batman, Robin, Wonder Woman.
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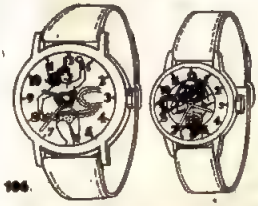

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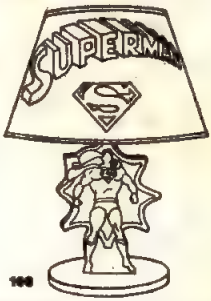

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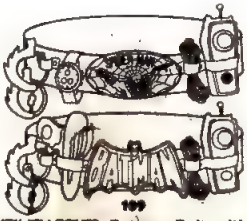

UTILITY BELTS. Batman Belt with communicator, bat clicker gun, bat cuffs, bat grappler. Spider-Man Belt with communicator, spider web, grappler, hand cuffs, watch.
Each, $4.75 plus 4 wrappers.

SUPER PARACHUTISTS. Superhero parachutists with launchers. Superman, Batman, Spider-Man.
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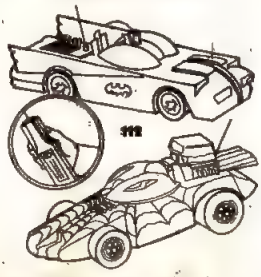

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WHILE AT THAT MOMENT--IN THE HALL OF EXOTIC BIRDS--BRUCE WAYNE REACHES THE END OF HIS SEARCH!...
IT'S ONE OF MY BUG-TRANSMITTERS--HIDDEN UNDER THE DODO'S WINGS!
DODO EXTINCT
THE DODO!!
THAT MEANS--
SUDDENLY, INSTINCT TAKES OVER!--AN INSTINCT HONED BY YEARS OF UNTHINKING, UNQUESTIONING REACTION TO THE SENSE OF DANGER!...
A QUICK CHANGE--AND INTO ACTION GOES--
--THE BATMAN!
THEN--TIMED TO PERFECTION...
THE DODO MAN!

HE CAME IN DURING REGULAR VISITING HOURS--
--HIS DISGUISE PREPARED UNDER HIS CLOTHES--
--POSITIONED HIMSELF IN AN EXHIBIT--
--AND WAITED FOR THE MUSEUM TO CLOSE!
WHUMP
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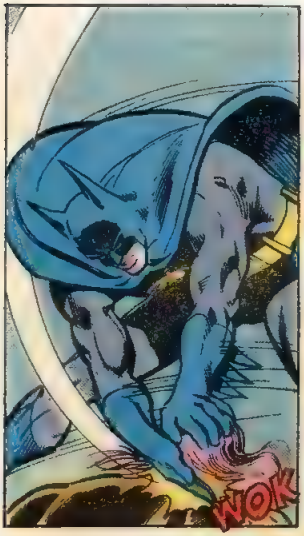
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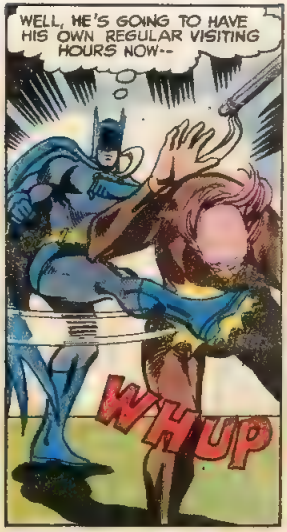
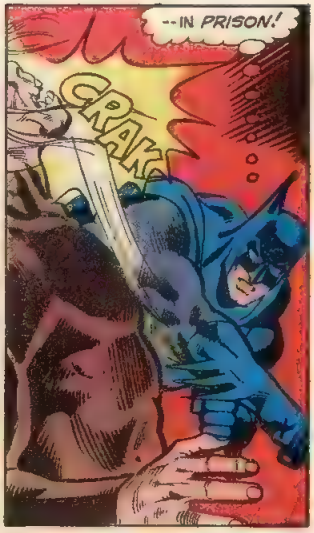

WELL, HE'S GOING TO HAVE HIS OWN REGULAR VISITING HOURS NOW--
WHUP


--IN PRISON!
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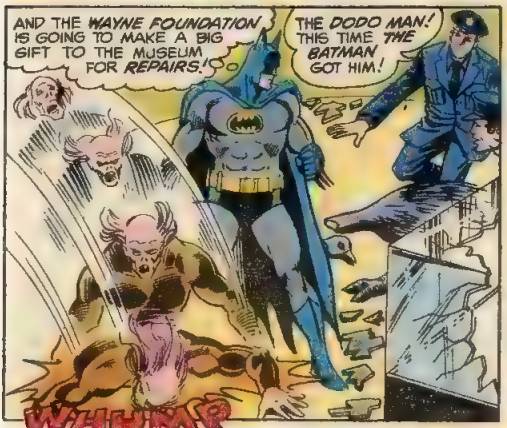
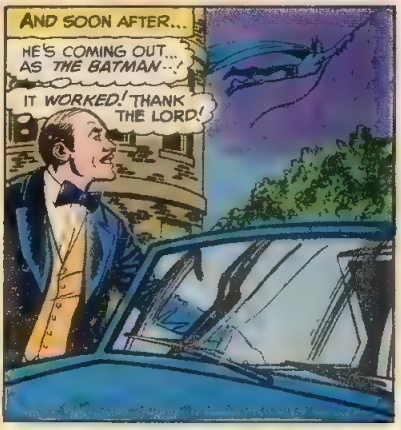

AND THE WAYNE FOUNDATION IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG GIFT TO THE MUSEUM FOR REPAIRS!
THE DODO MAN! THIS TIME THE BATMAN GOT HIM!
WHUMP


AND SOON AFTER...
HE'S COMING OUT... AS THE BATMAN--!
IT WORKED! THANK THE LORD!

BECAUSE HE DIDN'T USE THE BATMOBILE LAST NIGHT, HE HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF HAVING COME HERE IN BRUCE WAYNE'S CAR!
BUT THAT'S NO PROBLEM! I'LL DRIVE IT HOME MYSELF!
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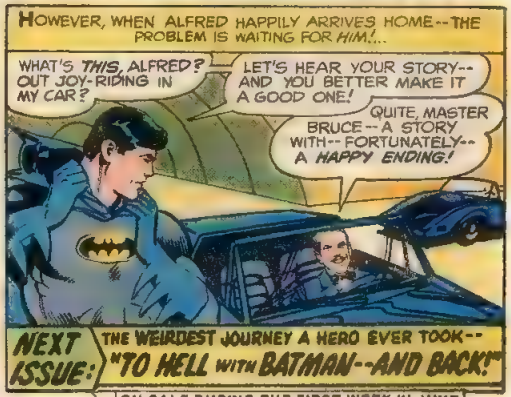
HOWEVER, WHEN ALFRED HAPPILY ARRIVES HOME--THE PROBLEM IS WAITING FOR HIM!...
WHAT'S THIS, ALFRED? OUT JOY-RIDING IN MY CAR?
LET'S HEAR YOUR STORY-- AND YOU BETTER MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!
QUITE, MASTER BRUCE--A STORY WITH-- FORTUNATELY-- A HAPPY ENDING!
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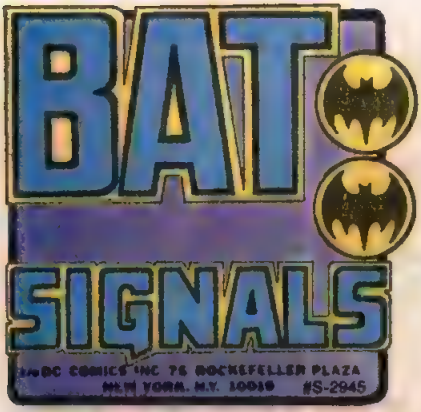
THE WEIRDEST JOURNEY A HERO EVER TOOK--
"TO HELL WITH BATMAN--AND BACK!"
ON SALE DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE



Our conversion to this new, increased size has pushed our deadlines ahead by a couple of weeks, which leaves us without your comments on BATMAN #296. But it gives us an opportunity to present some general comments about the Caped Crusader . . . and your reader-reactions to "Island of Purple Mist" will be here next issue!

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Dear Editor:

Is it always correct to portray villains as pitiable creatures whose reason for being criminals are deep-rooted emotional abnormalities with no chance of recovering and leading a normal life? If so, then the manner in which the **Mad Hatter** was portrayed in **BATMAN #297** was another example of portraying a villain "correctly".

But I don't agree that this idea is necessarily a sound one. What would have been wrong with showing the **Mad Hatter** as a criminal attempting to go straight, failing each time because of a lack of outside help? Instead of ending his saga with a no-hope verdict, why not let it end with some chance that the **Mad Hatter** might be able to really go straight? Sure, he'll need outside help, but who is better suited for that than **The Batman**? Unfortunately, at the end of **#297**, it seems all **Batman** can do is make sarcastic remarks to Commissioner Gordon and then worry about his jolly playboy life.

Batman's role as a crimefighter shouldn't end when he has apprehended a villain and returned the stolen goods to the proper owner. It only seems obvious that **The Batman** could also be shown as someone who cares about rehabilitating criminals after he has put them behind bars. Instead of locking the door and throwing away the key (as society does to a great many of our criminals), why not help them too? They are human beings after all, the same as you and I . . . though a little bit different in some ways.

STEPHEN SETTER
11 Early Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Yes, you could say that someone with green hair and a pasty white face (not to mention a penchant for bizarre murders) is a " little bit different"! As for The Batman taking an active role in rehabilitation of his foes, it sounds like a great idea. However, since comic book villains always seem to have a large following, the odds on any of them going straight for good is highly unlikely!—BR

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Dear Editor:

Who is **The Batman?** Is he the mysterious figure of the night who strikes fear into the hearts of felons? Or is he a master detective who matches cunning and wits against equally masterful villains? He's **both** and much more; a man of many moods and facets who can be mysterious, cunning, or even belligerent depending on the circumstance.

In **BATMAN #291**, reader Paul Emrath remembers a **Batman** who "struck terror into the hearts of the underworld minions." I remember it too, but those stories bordered on the ridiculous with the notion that all criminals are superstitious and would be more scared of a man in a Bat-costume than the rest of us. **The Batman** of today strikes terror not because he represents some dark creature, but because he *is* **The Batman.** And it is not the underworld minions who are his primary concern any more; it is master criminals like **The Joker, Catwoman, Two-Face** and **Ra's al Ghul.**

Larry Lisowski states in **#289** that for all intents and purposes, there is no Bruce Wayne. True, but I'd like to take that one step futher: There is no **Batman** either. Instead, we have a man who is the son of Thomas and Martha Wayne, who avenges their deaths each time he brings a criminal to justice. His motive is simply revenge and both **Batman** and Bruce Wayne are mere tools to be used in fulfilling his purpose. This is a man obsessed with the relentless pursuit of lawbreakers and those who prey on others, possessed with the ideal of ridding the world of crime, continuing his fight against the denizens of the underworld for he can do naught else. If he can't eliminate the world's crime, an ideal which is unrealizable considering human nature, he must at least attempt to reduce it as much as possible.

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MARK C. SCHLINKER
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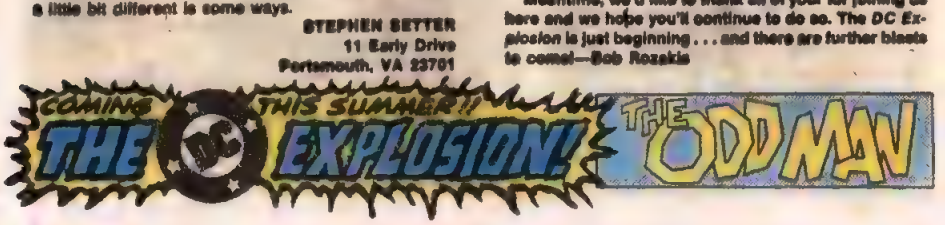
An interesting analysis, Mark, and one that will no doubt send our readers to their pens and typewriters for a reply . . . which will appear in some upcoming issue!

Meantime, we'd like to thank all of your for joining us here and we hope you'll continue to do so. The *DC Explosion* is just beginning . . . and there are further blasts to come!—Bob Rozakis



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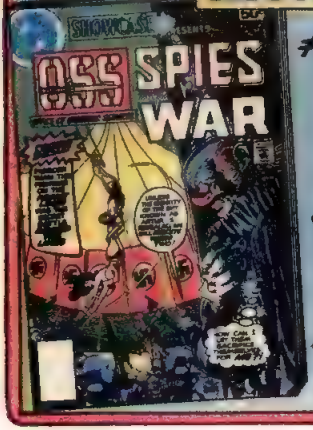

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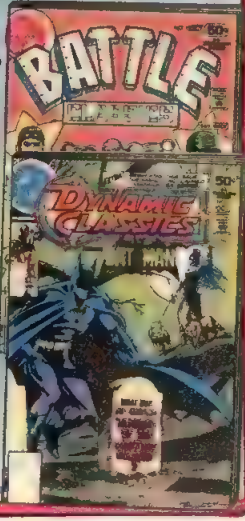

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IF JUSTICE BE SERVED
OKAY, ALFRED, THIS CASE GOES INTO THE TIME CAPSULE INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR FILES! IF ANYONE EVER GETS INTO THE BATCAVE, I WOULDN'T WANT THEM READING ABOUT IT!
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"...107 DEGREES THE STEAMY JULY AFTERNOON THAT I, AS BRUCE WAYNE, MET ANGUS McKAME ON THE COURTS OF THE GOTHAM TENNIS CLUB..."
SURE YOU WANT TO PLAY, ANGUS? IT'S HOT AS--
IT WON'T BOTHER ME NONE, BOY!
I GREW UP IN DEATH VALLEY, WHERE WEATHER LIKE THIS IS CONSIDERED DOWNRIGHT COOL!
ENOUGH VOLLEYING... LET'S PLAY!
"I SMASH A BULLET-SERVE AND AS THE OLD MAN MOVES TO RETURN IT--"
KA-PAKOW
ANGUS!
"I JUMP THE NET, FEEL FOR A PULSE--THEN REACH UNDER HIS SHIRT..."
THE CLUB DOCTOR IS ON THE WAY!
HE BETTER HURRY... THIS HEART-MASSAGE IS NOT BRINGING HIM AROUND!
"NOR DID IT..."
"I REMEMBER MY THOUGHTS AS I STAND ON A TENEMENT ROOF OVERLOOKING A SLUM STREET THAT EVENING..."
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FOR YEARS, THE RUMOR HAS BEEN THAT ANGUS KEPT A FORTUNE IN HIS HOUSE-SAFE!

IF THAT'S SO, IT'S STRANGE! --ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT HE INSISTED ON LIVING HERE... IN THE CITY'S WORST NEIGHBORHOOD!
HE HAD ENOUGH ASSETS TO LIVE IN THE BEST--
HELP!
EH--? TROUBLE BELOW!
99 DEGREES AT EIGHT O'CLOCK...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
THE BATMAN! WHAT LUCK!
I'M BEING CHASED--BY A MANIAC! I THINK HE'S AFTER ME... TO ROB ME!
YOU'RE MARTY RAIL... REPORTER FOR THE GRAPHIC--!
YEAH... AND DOES THAT MEAN YOU WON'T SAVE ME?
YOU SHOULDN'T ASK! I DON'T LIKE YOUR PAPER-- THE YELLOWEST RAG IN FOUR STATES--BUT YOU HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AS ANYONE!
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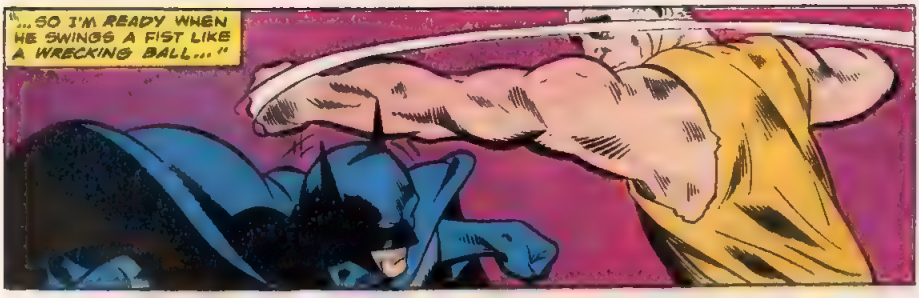
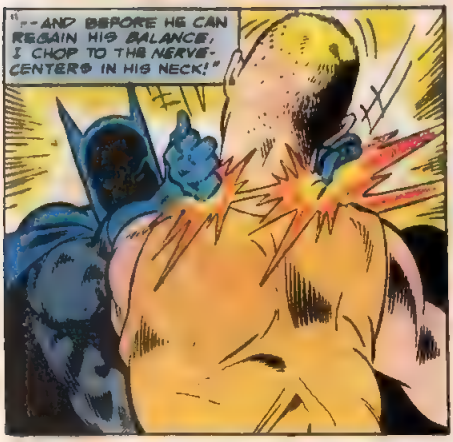
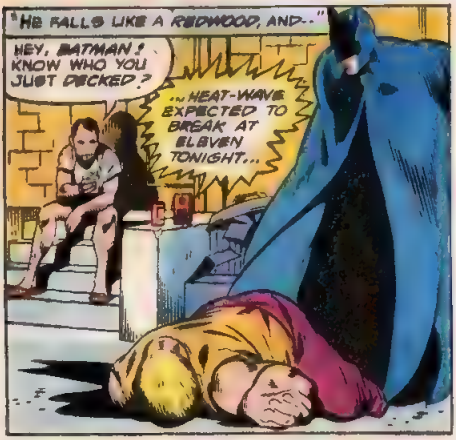
HOLD IT, BIG BOY! YOU HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO!

"I TURN AND SEE HIM THEN -- "

"I SEE HIM TENSE AND I CAN ALMOST FEEL THE VIOLENCE IN HIM..."







THAT'S BUZZY MCKAME... ANGUS'S KID!
"TWO THINGS HIT ME AT ONCE...NEWSMAN MARTY RAIL IS GONE...AND I SENSE I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE..."
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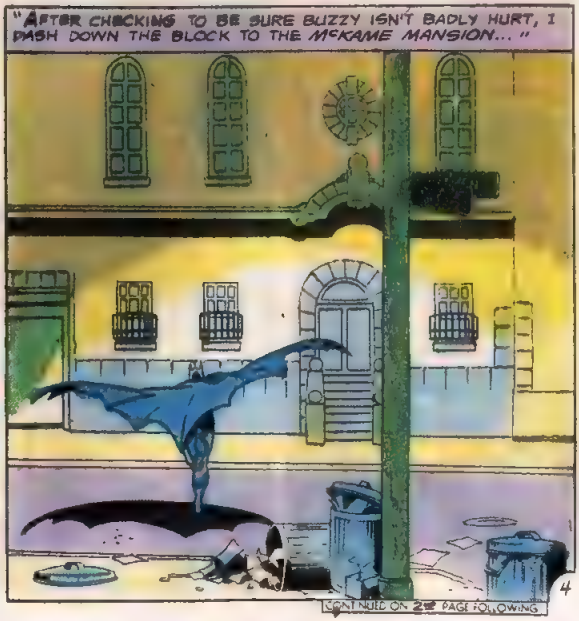

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WE'RE GONNA TEAR YUH APART, BATMAN!
PUNCHIN' BUZZY LIKE YUH DONE--
--AIN'TCHA HEARD HIS OLD MAN SPENT MILLIONS FEEDIN' OUR KIDS...PAYIN' OUR RENT...?
"I HAVEN'T TIME TO REASON WITH THEM...OR REGRET MY OWN HASTY ACTIONS..."
"...FOR THERE IS DEATH COMING THIS FIERCE, HOT NIGHT--DEATH I MAY HAVE HELPED INVITE!"
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"...THE FIRST, FAINT BREATH OF THE APPROACHING RAIN WHISPERS IN THE THICK AIR AS I LEAP ACROSS THE ROOFS OF GOTHAM..."
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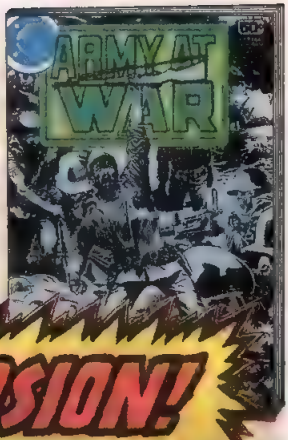

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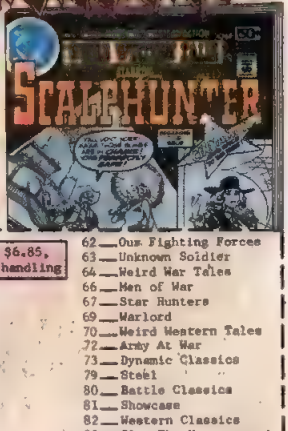

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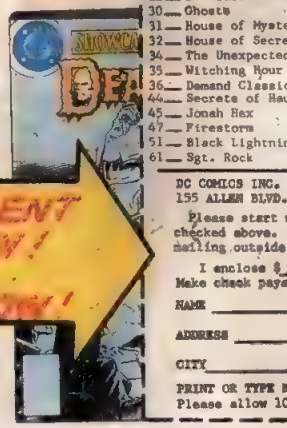

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YAHHHH
"I REACH FOR HIM... TRY DESPERATELY, TO SAVE HIM--BUT..."

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"THOSE ARE THE LAST WORDS HE EVER HEARS..."
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"STORM WINDS SNATCH THOSE DAMNING SCRAPS AND CARRY THEM TO THE SEA, WHERE THEY WILL NEVER BE FOUND..."
"ANGUS MCKAME THE KILLER WILL BE FORGOTTEN -- AND ANGUS MCKAME THE DECENT, KIND MAN WILL BE REMEMBERED! AND THAT IS AS IT SHOULD BE!"
"I FIND COMFORT IN THAT AS I WALK INTO THE COOLING SHADOWS...AND LEAVE BEHIND A CASE 'UNSOLVED'!"

NEXT ISSUE: THE PUBLIC LIFE OF BRUCE WAYNE!

THE DC FEATURE PAGE

Q: Has *Wonder Woman* ever teamed up with *Batgirl*?—Carl Hippensteel. **A:** Beck in *BRAVE & BOLD* #78, where both were joined by *Batman*. **Q:** Is there a *Doctor Fate* on any other Earth than Earth-2?—Jason Brown. **A:** Not that we know of! **Q:** Are there any plans for a second *FIVE STAR SUPER-HERO SPECTACULAR*?—Duane Simolke. **A:** No, but the success of the first one is what prompted us to make *ADVENTURE COMICS* a Dollar Comic, with many of the same stars! **Q:** When did the *Teen Titans* first appear?—Eddie Mitchell. **A:** *Robin, Kid Flash* and *Aqualad* joined up in *BRAVE & BOLD* #54 and became the *TTs* officially when *Wonder Girl* came along in *B&B* #60! **Q:** How can I write a letter to *SUPER FRIENDS*?—Leslie Dale Johns. **A:** You can write to *SUPER FRIENDS* or any of our magazines at DC Comics Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019. (That's also the address for your friendly neighborhood Answer Man.) **Q:** Is *Swamp Thing* going to appear again soon?—Daniel DeReuter. **A:** The second edition of *THE ORIGINAL SWAMP THING SAGA* (featuring issues 3 and 4 of the magazine) is now on sale! **Q:** When did the *Legion of Super-Heroes* get their new costumes?—Phil Bernstein. **A:** The change was gradual, but began when the Legion got its feature in *SUPERBOY* #197! **Q:** What are the secret identities of the Golden Age *Atom, Sandman* and *Mr. Terrific*?—Glenn Cupo. **A:** *Atom* is Al Pratt, *Sandman* is Wesley Dodds and *Mr. Terrific* is Terry Sloane. **Q:** Will there ever be a *Green Arrow/Black Canary* TV show? Or a *Teen Titans* TV show?—Steve Bieshara. **A:** There were plans for a *TT* cartoon series at one time, but they were not carried out. As for *GA/BC*, anything is possible! **Q:** Can a red sun and kryptonite take away *Superman's* powers or do they just make him faint?—Matt McCurdy. **A:** The Man of Steel has no powers under a red sun. Kryptonite weakens him, drains his powers away (making him faint) and can eventually kill him. **Q:** How can I tell what year a comic was printed?—Bryan Brown. **A:** You can find the publication date in the indicia, that block of copy found at the bottom of page one in our magazines.

dc profiles number 38
steve *mitchell*

Steve Mitchell remembers those summertime Thursdays vividly. He'd always eat the same lunch—two hot dogs, an orange drink, and a slice of chocolate cream pie—before taking *The Tour*.

The Tour—there was, of course, no other—took you through the old eighth floor offices of DC Comics at 575 Lexington Avenue to see how comic books were made. Steve now admits to having been quite a pest—of asking lots of questions and cajoling freelancers into doing sketches. It eventually paid off, though, for today Steve works for DC as production assistant—making art corrections, preparing covers, and putting together ads for new comics.

Steve also does some freelance inking: He's done work for *Superman Family* and several ink jobs for the war and mystery books. He also did some inking for Marvel Comics.

It was those tours that encouraged Steve to break into comics. In 1970, his samples caught the eye of then-Vice-President Sol Harrison who offered him some freelance work. More followed and Steve soon found himself attending Hunter College by day and freelancing at night.

When Neal Adams and Dick Giordance opened Continuity Associates in 1971, Steve found work and expert guidance under the master hand of Dick Giordano. For awhile, he mixed freelancing with staff work at DC and travel to Europe. He then accepted the position of production manager for the short-lived Seaboard/Atlas Comics line. While at Seaboard, Steve wrote the first issue of *The Cougar*, his own creation.

After his stint there, Steve took some time to co-author a screenplay before returning to DC. Last year, he married novelist Barbara Petty.

Today, if you walk into DC's Production Offices, you're likely to see a 6'4" 200-lb. version of Billy Batson talking on the telephone. That's Production Ace Steve, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Michael Gray, the actor who played Billy on the Saturday morning *Shazam!* TV series. Steve, by the way, insists that it's Gray who looks like *him*.

Even though Steve's post keeps him busily working at his drawing board all day, he still finds time to study filmmaking at New York University and act as Contributing Editor to *Filmmaker's Newsletter*, penning articles and conducting interviews with film notables.

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